

State of New Jersey
Government Records Request
Receipt

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Request Date: September 23, 2019

Maximum Authorized Cost: \$25.00

Email

Request Number: W150547

Request Status: Denied Closed

Ready Date:

Custodian Contact Information

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Status of Your Request

Your request for government records (# W150547) from the Office of the Attorney General has been reviewed and has been Denied Closed. Detailed information as to the availability of the documents you requested appear below and on following pages as necessary.

The cost and any balance due for this request is shown to the right. Any balance due must be paid in full prior to the release / mailing of the documents.

If you have any questions related to the disposition of this request please contact the Custodian of Records for the Office of the Attorney General. The contact information is in the column to the right. Please reference your request number in any contact or correspondence.

Cost Information

Total Cost:	\$0.00
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Deposit:	\$0.00
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Total Amount Paid:	\$0.00
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Balance Due:	\$0.00
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Document Detail

Div	Doc #	Doc Name	Redaction Req	Pages	Legal Size	Electronic Media	Other Cost
OAG	01	Copies of any emails, letters, memos or other records of consultations regarding public records requests (FOI/FOIL/FOIA etc.) with either the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Agency components	N		N	N	
		Denial: 39.Improper and Overbroad ---					

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Please be advised that your request is overbroad and improper as it does not define specific records. Government agencies are required to disclose identifiable government records that are specifically described in the OPRA request. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and -1.1. OPRA does not permit open-ended searches of agency files, nor does the law allow a request for every document an agency has on file on a specific subject matter. OPRA also does not require government agencies to conduct research in order to respond to a request for records. See, for example, *MAG Entertainment LLC v Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control*, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 549 (App. Div. 2005); *Bent v. Twp. of Stafford*, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005); *Gannett NJ Partners v Middlesex*, 379 N.J. Super. 205, 212 (App. Div. 2005), which address the principles stated above. Consequently, this request is denied.

Sincerely,
Ivonnely Colon-Fung
OAG Custodian of Records

Your request for government records (# W150547) is as follows:

To Whom It May Concern: Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records: Copies of any emails, letters, memos or other records of consultations regarding public records requests (FOI/FOIL/FOIA etc.) with either the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Agency components. I am a member of the news media and request classification as such. I have previously written about the government and its activities, with some reaching over 100,000 readers in outlets such as Gizmodo, MuckRock, Motherboard, Property of the People, Unicorn Riot, and The Outline, among others. As such, as I have a reasonable expectation of publication and my editorial and writing skills are well established. In addition, I discuss and comment on the files online and make them available through non-profits such as the library Internet Archive and the journalist non-profit MuckRock, disseminating them to a large audience. While my research is not limited to this, a great deal of it, including this, focuses on the activities and attitudes of the government itself. As such, it is not necessary for me to demonstrate the relevance of this particular subject in advance. As my primary purpose is to inform about government activities by reporting on it and making the raw data available, I request that fees be waived. The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 7 business days, as the statute requires. Sincerely, Emma Best

Upload documents directly:
https://www.muckrock.com/accounts/login/?url_auth_token=AAAjMUbgNs4GVRILEKuOeGxkc%3A1iCQgA%3A09YYBs4fLH-lf6qTGhcUnQIH29k&next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.muckrock.com%2Faccounts%2Flogin%2F%3Fnext%3D%252Faccounts%252Fagency_login%252Fnew-jersey-state-police-839%252Ffbidj-foia-consult-new-jersey-state-police-79594%252F%253F